1 THE HONORABLE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, No. CR20-202-RSM 10 Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED 11 MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY v. PLEA HEARING VIA 12 AHMAD MCADORY, VIDEOCONFERENCE 13 Defendant. 14 THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed 15 forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that: 16 (a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may 17 proceed by video or telephone if "the district judge in a particular case finds for specific 18 reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without 19 serious harm to the interests of justice." A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed 20 without serious harm to the interests of justice; and 21 (b) Mr. McAdory would like to plead guilty and resolve the case in a 22 timely fashion; and 23 (c) Mr. McAdory wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of 24 anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate 25 presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Mr. 26

1	McAdory believes that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely
2	resolution of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and
3	(d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the
4	ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause "serious harm to the interests of
5	justice." See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).
6	IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a guilty plea
7	hearing via videoconference before the magistrate judge as soon as possible.
8	DONE this 13 th day of April, 2021.
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11	RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
12	CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT
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17	Assistant Federal Public Defender Attorney for Ahmad McAdory
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